

ahead of schedule. It continued its momentum in the area of agency technology and paid off the mortgage on its headquarters in Alexandria, VA.

Tom has been active on all levels of the insurance industry throughout his career. From his service as the Independent Insurance Agents of Montana representative, to the chairman of the national IIABA finance committee, Tom has exhibited great vision and direction for this organization. On the local level, he twice served as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Great Falls.

Tom's experience has not been limited to leadership roles alone. He also has proven instrumental in various insurance industry education efforts throughout his career, and taught many professional accreditation classes. I also value Tom's commitment to his community. He is active in church and professional organizations, from Optimist International, to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Boy Scouts.

I sincerely thank Tom for his efforts on behalf of IIABA and the positive impact his efforts have had on this organization and his community back home in Great Falls, MT. I wish him and his wife Cheryl all the best in their future endeavors.●

IN CELEBRATION OF ALAN BERGMAN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a wonderful Californian, Alan Bergman, in honor of his 80th birthday. Few in the world today have brought so much pleasure, joy, and insight to so many as have Alan and his wife Marilyn.

Alan Bergman was born on September 11, 1925, in Brooklyn, NY. He had an ear for music at a young age—at age 10, he knew he wanted to be a songwriter. After studying at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of California at Los Angeles, Alan moved to Philadelphia. There, he worked as a director for children's television shows, and moonlighted as a songwriter. He soon moved back to Los Angeles at the urging of his mentor, Johnny Mercer, to work full time on his budding songwriting career.

In Los Angeles, Alan met Marilyn Keith. Alan and Marilyn hit it off right away, and Alan knew that in Marilyn he had a friend and a musical partner. Alan also knew that he wanted to spend the rest of his life with this remarkable woman. And in 1958, Alan and Marilyn were married. With Marilyn's musical background, she and Alan were a perfect match. They began to write lyrics together. It soon became evident that Alan and Marilyn Bergman were a powerful team, working on lyrics for television shows and movies. In 1968, their efforts won them their first Oscar for "The Windmills of Your Mind," the theme song from the "Thomas Crown Affair."

There would be more recognition to come for the Bergmans, the only husband-and-wife team of lyricists. In 1968, Alan and Marilyn also won a Golden Globe Award for "The Windmills of Your Mind." In 1973, Alan and Marilyn won two Emmys, an Oscar, a Grammy, and a Golden Globe Award for "The Way We Were." In 1984, they won another Oscar for the score for "Yentl," and won Emmys for "Sybil," "Queen of the Stardust Ballroom," "Ordinary Miracles" and "A Ticket to Dream." And these are just a few of Alan and Marilyn's many awards.

In addition to these awards, Alan and Marilyn have received many accolades. Among others, they have been inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and have received the National Academy of Songwriters Lifetime Achievement Award, the Spanish Cultural Medal of Honor, and the Governors Award from the National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences. As president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Marilyn has worked with many in Congress, in a bipartisan way, to protect intellectual property rights.

Recently, Alan unveiled another one of his many talents—in addition to being a world-renowned songwriter, Alan is also a gifted singer. He has performed shows across the country, from the Algonquin Hotel in New York to the Jazz Bakery in Los Angeles, showcasing the songs that he has written with Marilyn.

When I met Alan and Marilyn in 1990, I knew that my life as a political leader would take on a new dimension. I was to learn that as a human being I had been enriched beyond measure.

Alan and Marilyn's musical achievements throughout their lifetimes show how exceedingly talented and gifted they are. Their success is a result of their hard work and dedication. It is no wonder that they are one of the most respected songwriting teams in music today.

I believe it is appropriate that Alan be recognized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today not only on the occasion of his 80th birthday, but, along with Marilyn, for enriching the lives of so many Americans for so many years.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLMAN, SD

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Colman, SD. The town of Colman will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

Located in Moody County, Colman was founded when the Milwaukee railroad extended its line reaching the town in 1880. It was originally known as Sankey and then Allentown. The city eventually changed its name to Colman in honor of the Colman Lumber Company, a local business.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Colman on their anniversary and I wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

HONORING INDIANAPOLIS LIFE

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the centennial celebration of Indianapolis Life. I am honored to have the opportunity to offer my sincere congratulations on the company's 100 years of service and I want to express my gratitude and admiration for its many contributions to the State of Indiana. It is companies such as Indianapolis Life Insurance that make me proud to be a Hoosier.

I had the honor of serving briefly on the board of directors of Indianapolis Life, giving me the chance to see the workings of this company first-hand. Not only does Indianapolis Life provide high-quality insurance to hundreds of thousands of customers, but it is also a pillar of community support in Indianapolis, through its corporate philanthropy and the volunteer activities of its staff. The financial success of the company has created economic growth across the country and has been an important part of the State economy for a century now.

On behalf of the State of Indiana, I thank all the employees, staff and directors who have made Indianapolis Life into the company it is today.●

DAR IN MONROE, LA

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I wish to acknowledge the Fort Miro Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Monroe, LA. Beginning September 17 and ending September 23, this great organization will observe its annual Constitution Week. Today, I would like to spend a few moments highlighting the importance of their efforts.

The Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress in 1955 to set aside a week to celebrate the Constitution. Thanks to their petition, Congress, through a joint resolution on August 2, 1956, requested that the President proclaim that September 17 through 23 serve as Constitution Week.

This week sets out to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage, and encourage the study of the historical events surrounding its framing in September 1787.

I applaud the Daughters of the American Revolution for their continued dedication to celebrating the importance of the Constitution through education and activism. Moreover, I commend the Fort Miro Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Monroe, LA, for doing this fine work on behalf of the State of Louisiana.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.